

COLLINGTREE NEWS

OCTOBER 2012

KEEP OFF THE GRASS !

The Collingtree parish population has grown substantially in the last 20 years and the number of houses has almost doubled. Traffic on the M1 Motorway has grown enormously as it has on Junction 15 and the A45 Trunk Road. And yet the development pressure on both the village and Collingtree Park continues. The only significant areas of open land left to retain the individuality of both communities is (1) the farmland on the south east separating Watering Lane from the M1 and (2) the farmland plus Golf Course land on the north west between Maple Farm and Wootton Brook. Both areas are faced with major development proposals and both are being strongly defended by local opposition as outlined below.

The usual jibes will be made about local self interest and 'Nimbyism' but the fact remains that if more folk took an interest in the wellbeing of their own backyards, Northamptonshire would be a better place. At a time when the UK's growing population cannot feed itself it seems to many that to eat up yet more acres of valuable farmland is a bad idea.

1,000 HOUSES ON COLLINGTREE PARK ?

The latest round of 'consultation' on a Joint Core Strategy to build thousands of new houses on green fields around Northampton—has now ended.

The proposals that are promoted by WNJPC, (the joint councils of Northampton, Daventry and South Northants), includes 1000 houses allocated on land adjoining Collingtree Village (former Golf Course Academy) and farmland running alongside Wootton Brook and Rowtree Road.

The Hunsbury & Collingtree Residents Alliance (HCRA) has now backed up its longstanding concerns with expert evidence on the flood, traffic, air pollution and landslip issues. This argues that levels of flood protection throughout Northampton have improved little since the floods in 1998 and that the traffic impact of 1000 houses on Rowtree Road could be around 7,000 extra traffic movements a day added to the current (estimated) of 6,800 a day.

Meanwhile, local MP Andrea Leadsom, has raised her concern over the proposals in Parliament and called for the WNJPC to be disbanded.

More details can be found on the HCRA website:

<https://www.hunsbury-collingtree-ra.org.uk/H-C-R-A-Community-Views.nsf>

A PARK & RIDE FOR COLLINGTREE VILLAGE ?

Last month came the shock news that Northamptonshire County Council has, since last October, been looking at plans to turn the farmland alongside Watering Lane into a Park & Ride for Silverstone Race Days. There has also been research by NCC into alternative uses including a Lorry Park.

Collingtree Parish Council, together with local County Councillor Phil Larratt, held meetings first with County Council officers and then with Silverstone Circuits Ltd.

Following the meeting with Silverstone on 12th September, the Parish Council reported back to a crowded meeting in the Village Room. Silverstone confirmed that the Watering Lane site had been suggested to them for a Park & Ride but they knew nothing of a possible Lorry Park.

Because of the uncertainty over what was being proposed Cllr Phil Larratt wrote to NCC who have confirmed that they are talking to Silverstone but that there are 'no plans' for a Lorry Park.

It is still unclear whether Silverstone will follow up on the Park & Ride idea and seek to overcome all the problems of traffic access, further pollution and site security.

Meanwhile, the County Council, who own the land, have ended the tenancy of the existing farmer.

A recent housing land assessment (SHLAA) of the Watering Lane site for possible house building, concluded that a small development might be possible but only after changes to access from Watering Lane.

ST COLUMBA'S +

Harvest celebrations still continue to be well observed in Collingtree. A Harvest Festival Service on Sunday 23rd September produced a well filled church with all the traditional harvest hymns and songs from the Primary School choir.

The following night saw a most enjoyable Harvest Supper of excellent sausages, baked potato and beans, followed by apple pie, cream, coffee and mints.

An auction of all the gifts of food, flowers and produce from the Harvest Festival Service produced a total of £154 which was donated to Northampton Night Shelter.

The next PCC meeting is on 22nd October at 7.30 in the Village Room.



Church Wardens

John Green 6 Watering Lane 763468

Peter Skinner 'Lynton' Barn Corner 768394

Deputy Warden

Chris Wright 8 Watering Lane 761930

The Share Magazine carries Benefice news every month and costs only £7 per year. Contact Irene Skinner 768394

Services for October

7th October

6pm Evening Prayer

14th October

9am Parish Communion

21st October

10am Morning Praise

28th October

10.30am Family Service

Church Flowers

October 6th - October 13th

Mrs Barfoot (A) Mrs Harris (M)

October 20th & 27th

Mrs Whiting (A) Mrs Anderson (M)

SALCEY BENEFICE MINISTER: REVEREND MIKE BURTON 862284

Additional Services	Ashton	Courteenhall	Hartwell	Roade
Each Tuesday at Roade 9.30 am Holy Communion	10.30am Harvest Festival Service	9.15am Parish Communion	10.30am Harvest All Age Service	10.30am Light-house
	10.30am Sunday School	10.30am Morning Prayer	10am Morning Praise	10.30am All Age Service 6.30pm Benefice Youth Group
	10.30am All Age Service		9.15am Parish Communion	10.30am Morning Praise
	8.15am Holy Communion	10.30am Informal Service	10am Morning Praise	9.15am Parish Communion

Friends of St Columba's - Fabric Fundraising Events 2012

- 6th October - *'Big Quiz & Bingo Night'* The evening includes nibbles and a raffle. Bring your own drinks. £5 per head. Make up your team of 4 or 6.
- 13th October - 'Mexican Night' Authentic food, drink and mariachi entertainment Tickets £15.
- 25th November - *Classical Spectacular at the Albert Hall* . Coach donated by Collingtree Coaches. (2 tickets left)
- 8th December - Christmas Coach Trip to London . A whole day out for £15. Coach donated by Collingtree Coaches. Call now to book your seat.

For more details and tickets : Call 875955, 769407 or 765742

VILLAGE ASSOCIATIONS & SOCIAL GROUPS

Allotment Association

Despite a challenging year in terms of weather most allotment gardeners have enjoyed the benefits of growing their own fresh fruit and vegetables—and keeping fit into the bargain.

Now is the time for anyone who lives in the parish to think about joining in next year. Plots do become available and are allocated to those on the waiting list.

For details of current plot availability contact Graeme Joll 767277

Milton & Collingtree Women's Institute

The next meeting is on Thursday 11th October at Collingtree Village Room at 7.30pm. It will be the branch Annual Meeting followed by Social Time. The competition is 'Autumn Celebration'

More details from Ann Marsh on 766060

Neighbourhood Watch

The dark nights are upon us and a wise security measure to consider are timer switches when homes are unoccupied.

Watch out for 'cold callers' at your door and demand to see genuine ID.

NW Coordinator Fay Tennet 765742

Medicine Collection for October

Weeks commencing:

October 1st

Shirley Flight 764433

October 8th & 15th

Jo Clamp 761349

October 22nd & 26th

Barbara Jones 762296

The Collection Service for medicines from Roade and Blisworth Surgeries has operated on a voluntary Rota basis for many years. Additional volunteers are urgently needed and if you are able to help please contact:

Coordinator: Shirley Flight 764433

SPORTS CLUBS

Cricket Club

It has been a good year for the Club with most games won—some closer than others. Thank you to everyone who has supported our home games. The Annual Dinner will be at Greens restaurant at 7.30pm on 16th November. If you are interested in attending please contact Karen Hopkins on kahopkins66@yahoo.co.uk or call Mark Underwood on 07834 518760

Tennis Club

The Club has won the Men's Division of the Mellor Cup. The A team beat Harpole in a hard fought final. The sets were drawn 4 - 4 resulting in a Championship tie break which Collingtree won 3-1. In only the second season of League Competition for the club the Men's A team was the only team in its group to win all its matches. In 2012 and gain promotion to Division 2. The winter season is now underway with two men's teams and a Veterans team.

Coaching continues on Monday evenings and there are club sessions on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings.

For more details contact Geoff Kershaw on 761331 or visit www.collingtreetennis.co.uk

Football Club

There is still a severe shortage of players. Please contact James McGill on 07748684704

PARISH COUNCIL

Park & Ride Proposal - Following the well attended meeting, an assurance has been gained by Cllr Phil Larratt that the NCC is only considering the use as described by Silverstone. A copy of this assurance has been put in the notice boards. The PC repeats its pledge to call a public meeting if any further plans are announced.

Pedestrian Crossing - Watering Lane It is regretted that in the September Newsletter the Council wrongly stated that a child had been hit by a car when in fact no actual collision occurred as the child was pulled back safely. This error was stated in good faith and the calls for a pedestrian

crossing in this locality continue. Cllr Jonathan Nunn has given £1000 towards the cause and Cllr Michael Hill can provide £800. The Parish Council can also help but funds from benefactors and fundraising would show that the request is supported in a practical way by the local community and help to gain priority for a crossing.

Playing Field Parking - It is planned to install the protective mesh on the weekend of 5th - 7th October and any volunteers to help will be welcome. For information call Ted Anderson on 763264.

Street Lighting - The local street lighting is a mixture of Parish Council light-

ing in most of the village and NCC lighting in Glebe Farm Close and Collingtree Park. To report a fault please note the number on the lamp post and report it to the Parish Clerk or EON (493743) or NCC Lighting via the Street Doctor system on 0300 126 1000 choosing option 4.

Parish Council Contact - Please make any contact with the Parish Council through the Clerk, Tess Taylor (see above) The next meeting will be on 7th November at 7.30pm in Collingtree Village Room. Minutes of all meetings are placed in the PC notice boards and email versions can be gained from the Clerk.

Parish News is produced by Collingtree Parochial Church Council, on behalf of community groups within the parish.

The financial support of the Parish Council, and the Women's Institute is gratefully acknowledged. We also appreciate the support of our regular Sponsor Central Foods.

If you have a local community or charity event to promote contact:

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<http://justcollingtree.co.uk>

Parish Notices

- On 20th September, Christopher Hobbs, beloved son of Pat and the late Allan Hobbs, died in hospital in Warwick. Christopher was severely injured in a road accident in Collingtree in 2002.
- Winter Flu injections - Business as usual. For many years Joanna Edmunds has opened her home to enable eligible patients at the Roade/Blisworth Surgery to receive their injection locally. Once again Nurse Geraldine will be at 4 Barn Mews between 3 - 5.30pm on Wednesday 10th October. No appointment needed and a cup of tea or coffee while you wait!
- Agnes Barfoot would like to thank the many friends in Collingtree who sent her their good wishes on her recent birthday.

October Events in Collingtree Village Room

Collingtree School - Open Days

At the end of September, the Key Stage 2 pupils had a wonderful week tackling a range of water sports. The older children learnt windsurfing skills and went sailing on Pitsford Reservoir. Because of the windy weather the younger children enjoyed raft building and bell boating and the teachers were proud of how everyone kept going even though tired and wet!

There will be a chance for prospective parents and families to look round the school and ask questions on Tuesday 16th October at 2pm and Tuesday 23rd October at 9.30am Call Andrea Sapsford on 761469 to make an appointment

Friends of St Columba **Mexican Night**

Saturday 13th October in Collingtree at 7.30pm



Authentic food, drink and mariachi music. Tickets £15 from Pam (875955) or Andy (765742)

Collingtree PCC **Autumn Bazaar**

Saturday 27th October between 2pm & 4pm



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